GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2160
ANSWERED ON:29.07.2002
DECLARATION OF NEW NATIONAL HIGHWAY
BASUDEB ACHARIA;JAYASHREE BANERJEE;PALANIYAPPA GOUNDER KUMARASAMY;SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI;SUNDER LAL TIWARI

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the funds released to Madhya Pradesh for development of roads infrastructure out of the money realised from the Cess imposed on petrol and diesel during the last three years and thereafter;

(b) whether the Government have received any proposal from Government of Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal in regard to declaration of new national highways;

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(d) the estimated expenditure to be incurred thereon;

(e) the target fixed for declaring/laying of new national highways in Tenth Five Year Plan, State-wise; and

(f) the amenities and safety measures the Government propose to provide on National Highways?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD KHANDURI)

(a) The Ministry allocates funds to the States/UTs, out of the money realised from the cess imposed on petrol and diesel, for development of State Highways and major district roads. Funds for Rural roads are allocated by the Ministry of Rural Development under the Prime Ministers Gramin Sadak Yojna. The funds released to Madhya Pradesh by this Ministry for the above purpose, during the last three years and current year, are as under:-

Year	Funds released (Rs.in lakh)
1999-2000	287.02 (Old Central Road Fund)
2000-2001	2084.00
2001-2002	914.05
2002-2003(till date)	2084.00

(b)to(e) 13 number of proposals in West Bengal and 22 number of proposals in Madhya Pradesh, for declaration of new National Highways, had been received, which have been returned to the States in June 2002 for review on the basis of revised criteria for declaration of new National Highways. At present there is no proposal to declare new National Highways in the country. However, Ministry may consider declaration of a few new National Highways during the course of Tenth Plan from amongst the modified proposals to be received from the States based on traffic needs, inter se priority and availability of funds.

(f) Widening, improvement of riding quality, improvement of geometrics, provision of signs and markings, replacement of narrow culverts/bridges, etc., are provided on National Highways for safety measures. Parking lay- byes and passenger oriented wayside amenities along National Highways are also being provided.